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I believe that patents kill innovation and are a net negative. I actually own a patent and I work in technology so I have first hand experience with all aspects of the process and outcomes. Patents had a place when society didn't understand or reward innovation. That time no longer exists. If something is innovative it can provide efficiency or capability benefits that effective organizations can leverage. Today companies can't leverage those innovations because of patents. I've run multiple startups and patent trolls also come to try and shake you down. So patents are bad for both big companies and small companies. Further they aren't respected in places like china, so we grow our own international competition by placing restrictions on companies inside our borders. Patents should be eliminated, especially software patents which are the most egregious kinds.

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